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The Democrat, Great Bend, Kansas

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Topeka, Kans., Feb. 1, 1915.
Somebody has put the "kibosh" on the proposed investigation of Uncle Jerry Botkin's administration of the state penitentiary. Just after the election there was a great blare of trumpets on this subject and the matter was given considerable prominence in the Topeka Capital. A resolution was duly prepared and the artillery hauled out ready to open on Uncle Jerry, but for some reason the resolution has disappeared and there is now no talk of an investigation. Possibly somebody was afraid that the resolution would be amended when it reached the Democratic senate, so as to cover the four years of the Coddington administration, with its straight jacket and iron gags and other things including the story about how the twine plant came to be burned down.

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The new Republican administration is already in deep trouble and it is harping loudly about economy and efficiency. Last week the Republican chairman of the Tax Commission gave out an interview that unless appropriations could be kept a half million dollars below those of 1913, the administration would have to increase the state tax levy. It looks now like appropriations would exceed those of the 1913 legislature by a considerable sum which means an inevitable raise of the state tax levy or the marking of state warrants "Not paid for want of funds," and either of these things will put Mr. Capper's administration on the defensive.

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There is a pretty little row already on in the Republican camp. Governor Capper, in his message to the legislature recommended that the office of insurance commissioner be made appointive and Senator Troutman, who is the Governor's spokesman in the senate, introduced a bill to that effect. The mutual insurance companies and the fraternal societies of the state at once took this as an attempt of the Old Line companies to get control of the insurance affairs of the state, and now Senator Troutman's bill is a dead one, and the administration has put itself in bad with the people of the state who believe in cheap insurance, whether fire or life. Besides that, the friends of State Superintendent of Insurance Wilson regard the movement as an attack upon him and are resenting it.

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The attempt to consolidate certain state boards with a view to eliminating certain Democratic members will probably meet a

snag when it reaches the senate. Not only are the Democratic Senators opposed to it, but a majority of the Republican Senators are opposed to playing peanut politics of that sort and several of them have declared that they will not support any such a scheme; thus a good many hungry Republicans are going to be disappointed for Mr. Capper has talked so loudly about civil service that he cannot well indulge in removals without making himself ridiculous and that he is not disposed to do.

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The Democratic members of the senate are setting a wholesale example for Kansas Democrats. On all strictly party questions there are twenty-one votes always on hand and ready to act together as a unit without regard to petty personal differences. In all matters which do not involve party policy but only the welfare of the state, these same Democratic senators get on the right side of every good measure and if the state institutions are crippled by the cut and slash plan proposed by the Republican House, it will not be the fault of the Democratic representatives in the senate. It is perhaps a mighty good thing for the state institutions that the senate is Democratic this year.

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Senator Bailey P. Waggoner, although in ill health, is doing as much work as any well man and he is pushing a number of bills which will put on the tax rolls of the state of Kansas a lot of mortgages and other securities which have been hiding out. The chances are that these bills will pass this year and if they do, the tax payers of Kansas will owe Senator Waggoner a debt of gratitude.

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The Republican Kansas Day Club held its annual "jubileefication" in Topeka Friday night of last week and the bull bellowed vociferously. The occasion developed a large crop of candidates for almost every office in sight and the principal plank in the next Republican platform will undoubtedly be "more pie."

S. T. SEATON.

SMALL FIRE.

Last Monday night about half past ten o'clock the fire alarm was turned in and the Methodist parsonage was reported on fire. The fire boys soon made the run to the reported fire only to discover that it was the wrong place, that it was the Baptist parsonage. By the time they had reached the latter place the fire was out. The fire had evidently originated from the furnace and was put out before any great damage was done.

THE ICY WALK.

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I slipped and fell; you heard me yell, you heard me scream like thunder, as I fell flat and spoiled my hat and broke the sidewalk under. I lie in bed with poulticed head, and legs done up in plaster, and all the day I roast the jay who caused the dire disaster. He knew the glare of ice was there, and yet he strewed no ashes; I score his gall, and use up all the asterisks and dashes. An easy thing it is to fling some ashes on the planking; do that, and then the sons of men your kindness will be thanking. But those who slip and break a hip or sprain a neck or ankle, on naked ice, will not act nice; the words they use will rankle. The thoughtful act that's born of tact is like a benediction; it takes the smarts from troubled hearts, and lessens grief and friction. The kindly deed will for you plead when from this world you've skated; the little things will give you wings, when you're at last translated.—WALT MASON.

THE STILL WIRE

Last Friday night the local High School basketball team went to Larned and defeated the Larned High School team by a score of 39 to 16. This is the second league game of the series and Great Bend has been the victor both times. Prof. Freer, who accompanied the locals, was enthusiastic. He said there were no "star" players; that the boys were all stars. The local team consisted of Archie Ashpole, Fred Hiss, Leo Breeden and Alfred and Albert Meyers.

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The next game of the series will be between Great Bend and Kinsley, and will be played at Great Bend some time soon. As Kinsley also defeated Larned in a recent league game the fans are expecting a great game when these two teams meet.

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D. G. Bird came in Saturday and stayed over Sunday with his family on Forest Avenue. Mrs. Bird is keeping the children in town this winter in order that they may attend school.

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Todd Miller, of Hodgeman county, came in on the east bound Santa Fe Saturday morning and went out to spend Sunday with Fred Gunn. Some fifteen years ago, Todd and Fred worked together as boys, on the Gunn farm.

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FOR SALE—Four miles southwest of Great Bend, southeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section three, Township 20, Range 14. Price \$3,500, terms cash.—J. H. Keenan Globe, Arizona, P. O. Box 1432.

A SPLENDID DONATION.

Mr. G. W. Finnup, of Garden City, is the right kind of a town boomer. He has recently presented each of the five churches of his home town with a thousand dollar bond, and an additional thousand dollars to the Congregational church in memory of his mother who was a member of that society. The conditions of the gift are that when the bond matures, the money shall be immediately re-invested in another bond, and all interest be used to keep up church property. The churches thus benefitted are the Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, Baptist and Catholic. A short time previous to this splendid benefaction Mr. Finnup made an offer of a school library to any school district in Finney county that would donate as much money as he did for that purpose. Sixteen districts accepted this offer and now have valuable reference libraries.

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Mr. Finnup is a heavy owner of Ford county real estate and owns a tract of land just outside the city limits of Dodge City. He is a strong believer in the future wealth of this country. Garden City is lucky to have such a valuable citizen. Men of the Finnup type is what will eventually place Western Kansas on the map in capital letters.—Dodge City Journal.

BROKE LEG.

Last Saturday Mrs. C. J. Crowley started with her little daughter to walk to the home of Mr. Davis, a neighbor. When within about a block of the Davis home Mrs. Crowley fell and was unable to get up. The daughter hastened to the Davis home and Mr. Davis came and got her while the daughter went to Dr. Focht's house and Dr. Kendall was summoned and an examination showed that a couple of bones had been broken near the ankle.

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Mrs. Crowley had fallen a short time previous to this accident and as she thought, sprained her ankle and had been able to walk only with difficulty. Probably the bone had been fractured by the previous fall. Dr. Kendall set the broken bones and the patient is reported as getting along nicely.

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Mr. and Mrs. Newt Hall, of Hoisington, were in the city Tuesday morning on their way to Garden City, having received a message that their daughter who lives at that place was dangerously ill and not expected to live.

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Judge E. C. Cole was attending district court in St. John this week.

J. O. Green, who farms the Rubart place south of Ellinwood, was in town last Saturday. He says he never saw a better outlook for wheat in that part of the country. He has in 400 acres this year. Last year he raised 4,000 bushels of corn which he still holds. Mr. Green came to Kansas some six years ago and rented this farm. He has made good money even during the series of bad seasons and last fall he went to Colorado and filed on a half section of government land and will move to his own place some time this year.

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Brutus Long, who has been employed by the Arkansas Valley Telephone company as "trouble shooter" at Stafford for several months past, has been promoted to the plant in this city. Mr. Long is a good telephone man and will do his part toward maintaining the excellent telephone service by the plant at this place.

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State of Kansas, Barton County, ss.
In the Matter of the Estate of Ann H. Lee, a feeble-minded person of Barton County, Kansas.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That on the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1915, the undersigned was, by the Probate Court of Barton County, Kansas, duly appointed and qualified as Guardian of the estate of Ann H. Lee, a feeble-minded person, of Barton County. All parties interested in said estate will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

L. L. GUNN, Guardian.

Mrs. C. A. Hooper returned home last week from Baltimore where she had been in a hospital for a very serious operation, and her many friends will be glad to know that she is getting along in fine shape and rapidly regaining her health. Her son, Dr. Charles Hooper, who accompanied her to Baltimore and assisted in the operation, accompanied her home as far as Kansas City, and from there took the southern route for San Francisco, where he is a member of the staff in the State Medical School.

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